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1. The old town of Küstrin (V66) has been completely evacuated of civilians, and for a depth of 15 to 20 kilometers inside Polish territory there are also no more civilians to be seen. This area is occupied by Soviet troops of all types. Since 4 February 1949 a nightly train of 60 to 70 closed cars has been passing westward through Küstrin loaded with Soviet soldiers. These trains are redirected in Werbig and Rummelsburg. During the same period, trains loaded with artillery equipment have also been passing at night in the same direction. Guns seen on these transports are stated to be field guns of about 75 mm caliber. 120 of these pieces were counted on 8 February 1949, and 98 more on 12 February. All were [redacted] of the same type. 50X1-HUM
2. On Sunday, 13 February 1949, troops and artillery were [redacted] unloading from a train in Jüterbog (E69). Fifty guns were counted.
3. In Luckenwalde (Z70) [redacted] 1,500 Soviet soldiers and 120 field guns were unloaded from a train on 10 February 1949. The troops were all young. The artillery is believed to have been taken to the former punishment barracks at Frankenforde (Z60). 50X1-HUM
4. On 14 February 1949, it is estimated that 1,000 men were unloaded at Forst Zinna (E69). These troops came from the east.
5. [redacted] at about the same time an unknown number of troops were unloaded in Werneuchen (V06). 50X1-HUM
6. At the same time (i.e. about 10 February 1949) two troop trains and one transport with artillery were forwarded through Werbig in the direction of Eberswalde (V08).
7. The troops in the occupied area beyond the Polish border moved in three months ago. They are mainly troops of between 20 and 23 years of age. Night exercises are being carried out.
8. On 10 February 1949, two railway cars of explosives were unloaded at the munition depot in Manscherow (possibly Manschnow: V66).
9. There is no indication of troop movements to the east.
10. Fresh troops have arrived from the east in Stahnsdorf near Berlin and are housed in the former SS barracks, which they are not allowed to leave. 50X1-HUM

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